

State-by-State Comparison of Annual Motor Vehicle Registration Fees and Fuel Taxes



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This report combines motor vehicle registration fees and fuel tax costs and presents them in a table and simplified charts for ease of comparison. The cost to own a passenger car varies widely from state to state. In addition to the money spent for operating and maintaining an automobile, each of the fifty states and the District of Columbia require owners to pay for the privilege of using the streets and highways. Money is collected through registration renewal payments, property and fuel taxes, and numerous other fees.

Registration fees were calculated for a one year renewal in the District of Columbia and the county seat of the most populous county in each of the United States (based on 2005 census estimates). The same passenger car type and model, a 2005 Toyota Camry, was used for comparison. This vehicle was selected because it was the most registered passenger car in Idaho for 2005. Although, several models of pickup trucks had more registrations, some states treat pickup trucks differently than passenger cars, so the Camry was used to eliminate further complexity in the study. The costs were determined using the Stephens-Peck Title Book and state websites, then validated through direct calls to motor vehicle departments.

Fuel tax information was obtained from the Washington State Department of Transportation report, "Fuel Taxes: A State-by-State Comparison, June 2006." The Average Annual Expenditure for Gas was based on 12,000 miles traveled annually with an average fuel efficiency of 20 miles per gallon, which yields 600 gallons used per year. The gas tax rate was multiplied by the 600 gallons for each state to calculate the annual gas tax expenditure.

This report is intended for comparison purposes only. Registration fees are constantly changing and many states base their fees on the age of the vehicle. The data in this report provide a current insight into varying registration fees and fuel taxes across the country and how Idaho compares with other states.

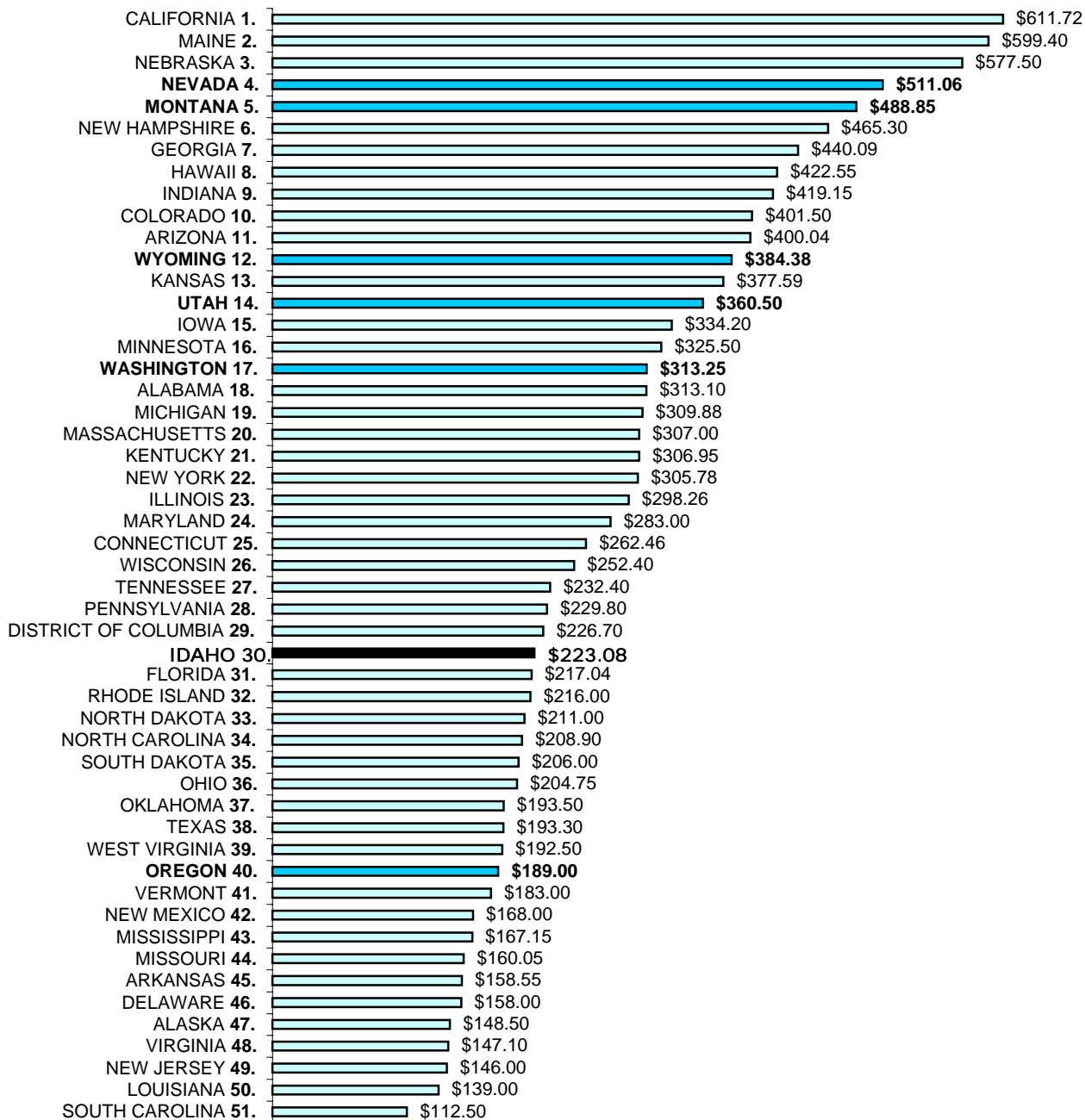
Quick Facts

- 🚗 **Vehicle Type and Model Used for Study:** 2005 Toyota Camry
 - **MSRP:** \$19,025
 - **Used Retail Value:** \$17,400
 - **Trade-In Value:** \$14,900
 - **Horsepower:** 160-hp
 - **Engine:** 2.4-liter 4-cyl
 - **Transmission:** 5 speed Automatic w/OD
 - **Fuel Efficiency:** 23.3 mpg
 - **Curb Weight:** 3108 lbs.
- 🚗 **County/City Selection Criteria:** The county seat of the most populous county in the state based on 2005 U.S. Census Data. (Excluding the District of Columbia.)
- 🚗 **Idaho's Annual Registration Fees Rank:** 30th (\$73.08 annually. Includes fees for Ada County.)
- 🚗 **Average U.S. Annual Registration Fees:** \$138.56
- 🚗 **Highest U.S. Annual Registration Fees:** \$435.00 (Maine)
- 🚗 **Lowest U.S. Annual Registration Fees:** \$12.00 (South Carolina)
- 🚗 **Idaho's Fuel Tax Rank:** 21st (25¢ per gallon)
- 🚗 **Average U.S. Fuel Tax:** 24.96¢
- 🚗 **Highest U.S. Fuel Tax:** 45.13¢ (New York)
- 🚗 **Lowest U.S. Fuel Tax:** 8.00¢ (Alaska)

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State	Annual Registration Fees	State/Local Gas Tax	Avg. Annual Gas Tax Expenditure	Total Registration and State/Local Tax Costs
ALABAMA	\$ 191.30	20.30¢	\$ 121.80	\$ 313.10
ALASKA	\$ 100.50	8.00¢	\$ 48.00	\$ 148.50
ARIZONA	\$ 286.04	19.00¢	\$ 114.00	\$ 400.04
ARKANSAS	\$ 27.75	21.80¢	\$ 130.80	\$ 158.55
CALIFORNIA	\$ 383.00	38.12¢	\$ 228.72	\$ 611.72
COLORADO	\$ 269.50	22.00¢	\$ 132.00	\$ 401.50
CONNECTICUT	\$ 112.46	25.00¢	\$ 150.00	\$ 262.46
DELAWARE	\$ 20.00	23.00¢	\$ 138.00	\$ 158.00
DISTRICT OF COL	\$ 84.50	23.70¢	\$ 142.20	\$ 226.70
FLORIDA	\$ 35.60	30.24¢	\$ 181.44	\$ 217.04
GEORGIA	\$ 289.25	25.14¢	\$ 150.84	\$ 440.09
HAWAII	\$ 176.13	41.07¢	\$ 246.42	\$ 422.55
IDAHO	\$ 73.08	25.00¢	\$ 150.00	\$ 223.08
ILLINOIS	\$ 78.00	36.71¢	\$ 220.26	\$ 298.26
INDIANA	\$ 235.55	30.60¢	\$ 183.60	\$ 419.15
IOWA	\$ 204.00	21.70¢	\$ 130.20	\$ 334.20
KANSAS	\$ 227.59	25.00¢	\$ 150.00	\$ 377.59
KENTUCKY	\$ 195.95	18.50¢	\$ 111.00	\$ 306.95
LOUISIANA	\$ 19.00	20.00¢	\$ 120.00	\$ 139.00
MAINE	\$ 435.00	27.40¢	\$ 164.40	\$ 599.40
MARYLAND	\$ 142.00	23.50¢	\$ 141.00	\$ 283.00
MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 166.00	23.50¢	\$ 141.00	\$ 307.00
MICHIGAN	\$ 103.00	34.48¢	\$ 206.88	\$ 309.88
MINNESOTA	\$ 193.50	22.00¢	\$ 132.00	\$ 325.50
MISSISSIPPI	\$ 38.75	21.40¢	\$ 128.40	\$ 167.15
MISSOURI	\$ 54.75	17.55¢	\$ 105.30	\$ 160.05
MONTANA	\$ 322.35	27.75¢	\$ 166.50	\$ 488.85
NEBRASKA	\$ 415.50	27.00¢	\$ 162.00	\$ 577.50
NEVADA	\$ 316.00	32.51¢	\$ 195.06	\$ 511.06
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 341.70	20.60¢	\$ 123.60	\$ 465.30
NEW JERSEY	\$ 59.00	14.50¢	\$ 87.00	\$ 146.00
NEW MEXICO	\$ 60.00	18.00¢	\$ 108.00	\$ 168.00
NEW YORK	\$ 35.00	45.13¢	\$ 270.78	\$ 305.78
NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 28.00	30.15¢	\$ 180.90	\$ 208.90
NORTH DAKOTA	\$ 73.00	23.00¢	\$ 138.00	\$ 211.00
OHIO	\$ 36.75	28.00¢	\$ 168.00	\$ 204.75
OKLAHOMA	\$ 91.50	17.00¢	\$ 102.00	\$ 193.50
OREGON	\$ 27.00	27.00¢	\$ 162.00	\$ 189.00
PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 36.00	32.30¢	\$ 193.80	\$ 229.80
RHODE ISLAND	\$ 30.00	31.00¢	\$ 186.00	\$ 216.00
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 12.00	16.75¢	\$ 100.50	\$ 112.50
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 62.00	24.00¢	\$ 144.00	\$ 206.00
TENNESSEE	\$ 104.00	21.40¢	\$ 128.40	\$ 232.40
TEXAS	\$ 73.30	20.00¢	\$ 120.00	\$ 193.30
UTAH	\$ 213.50	24.50¢	\$ 147.00	\$ 360.50
VERMONT	\$ 63.00	20.00¢	\$ 120.00	\$ 183.00
VIRGINIA	\$ 29.50	19.60¢	\$ 117.60	\$ 147.10
WASHINGTON	\$ 109.25	34.00¢	\$ 204.00	\$ 313.25
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 30.50	27.00¢	\$ 162.00	\$ 192.50
WISCONSIN	\$ 55.00	32.90¢	\$ 197.40	\$ 252.40
WYOMING	\$ 300.38	14.00¢	\$ 84.00	\$ 384.38

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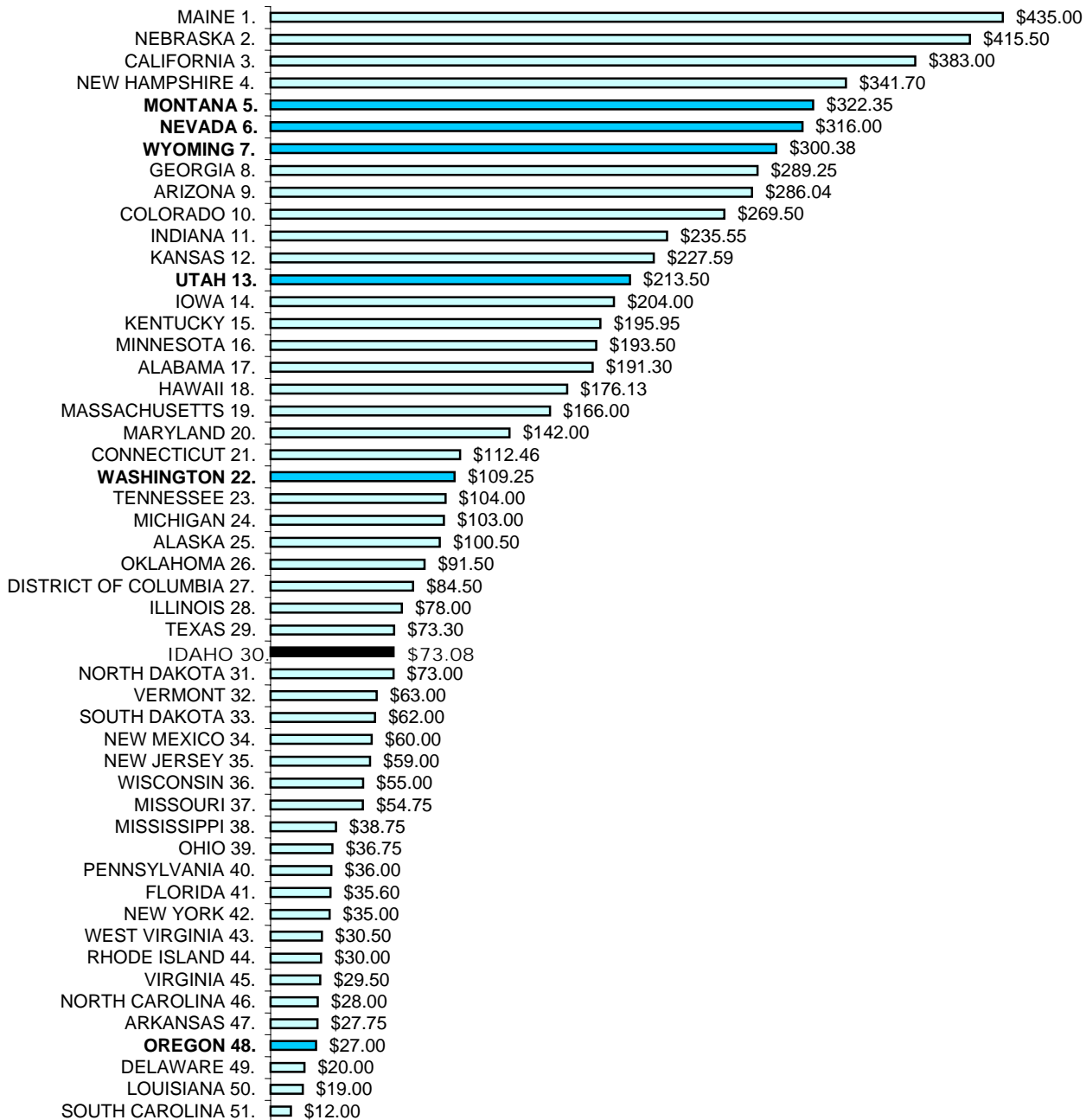


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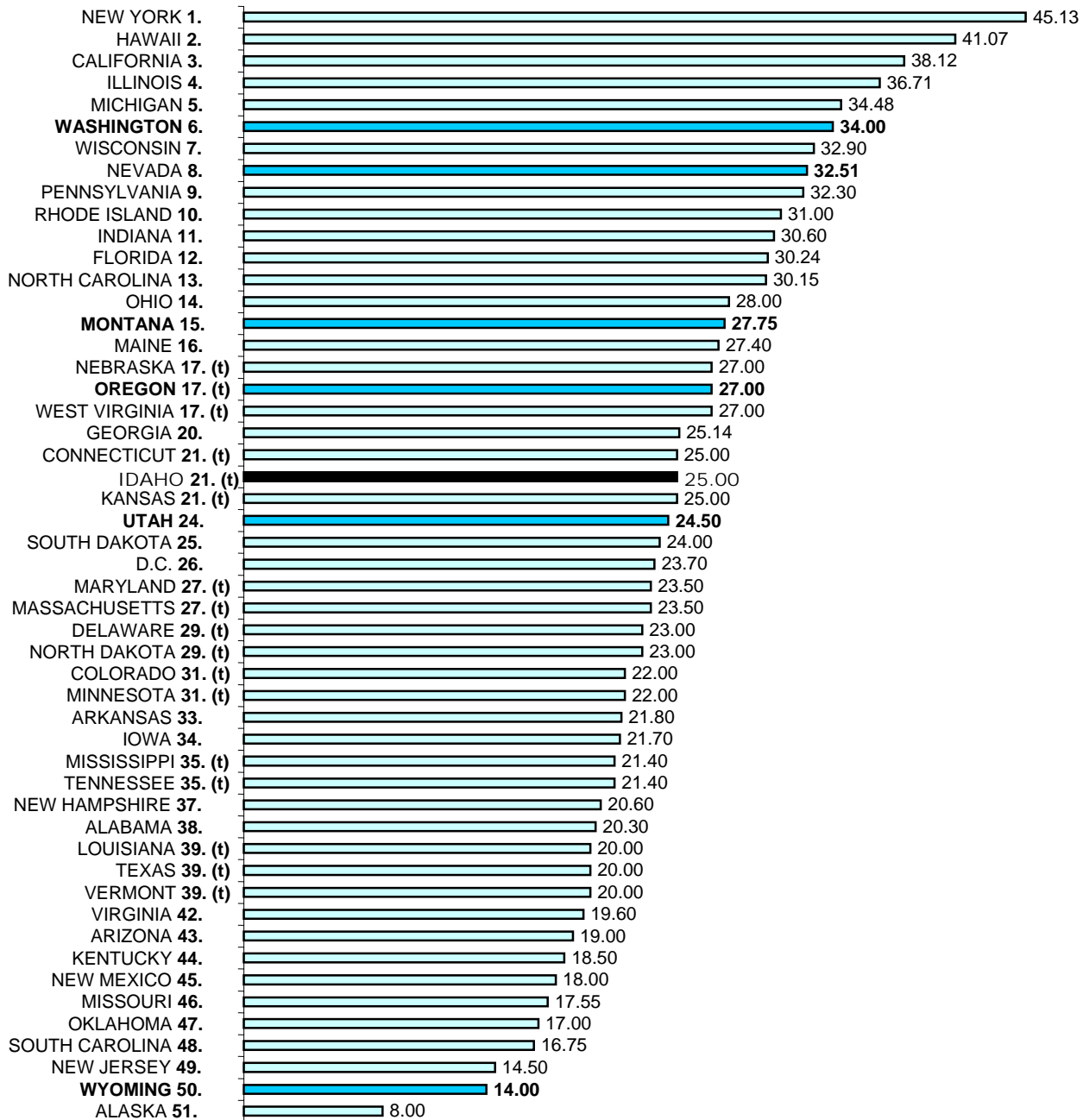
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State/Local Fuel Tax Costs State-by-State Comparison* (Cents per Gallon)



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